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HIGHLANDERS MET HERE TUES.

Convention of District No. 7 Held in Alliance—Grand Secretary Sharpe in Attendance

ORDER HAS ENVIABLE RECORD

Delegates to Grand Lodge Appointed—Banquet Served at Alliance Hotel Tuesday Evening

Delegates from over district No. 7 of the Highlanders met in Alliance Tuesday in convention.

Hon. F. E. Sharpe of Aurora, Neb., grand secretary of the Highlanders, was present with the delegation.

The business session was called to order promptly at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Grand Secretary F. E. Sharpe.

A period of discussion was indulged in which was helpful to all present.

When the business session of the convention was completed the delegation was escorted to the Alliance hotel where all enjoyed a bounteous dinner.

SHUMWAY AND POOL VISIT ALLIANCE

Secretary of State and State Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings Here Wednesday

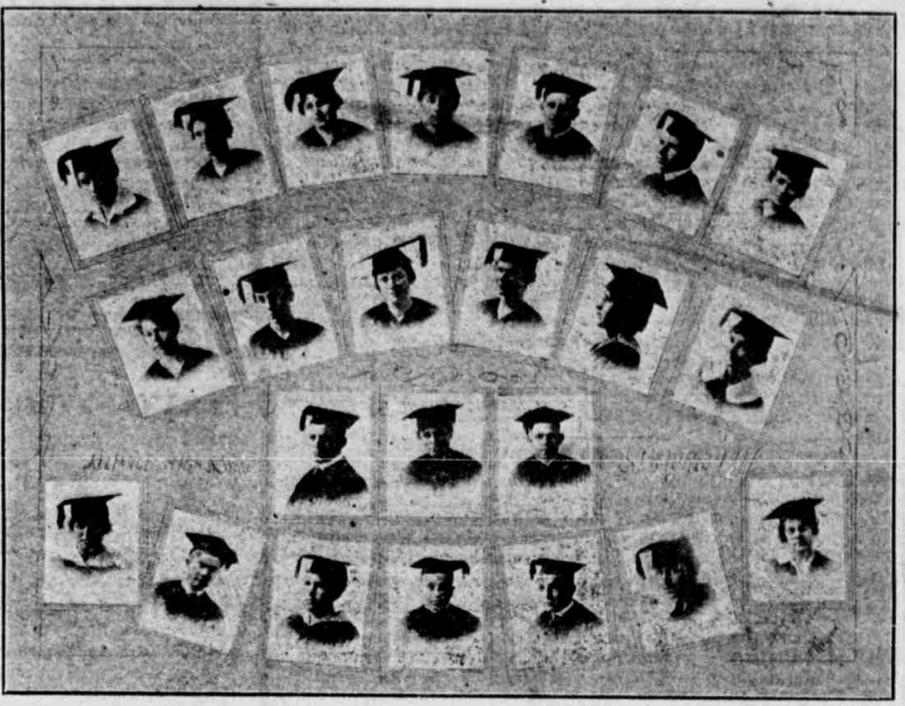
State Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway and Secretary of State Charles W. Pool were in Alliance yesterday (Wednesday) on business connected with their respective offices.

Both Mr. Shumway and Mr. Pool are western Nebraska men.

Captain Jack Miller received a telegram this afternoon stating that Captain Wallace would be in Alliance Sunday to muster in Company G.

Misses Marie and Elizabeth Maich left Wednesday for Minatare to visit with their mother.

Senior Class of Alliance High School



(Photo by Van Graven Studio.) Reading Left to Right: Martha Shaw, Donna LaHoda, Neva Howe, Rose Carlson, Wm. Pullman, Oral Harvey, Dolly Hagaman, Eleanor Harris, Matilda Frankle, Teresa Morrow, Dora Coker, Nina Whaley, Mable Grassman, Hugh Davenport, Thelma Fitzpatrick, Otto Snyder, Florence Atz, John Wright, Edith Vanderwark, Dewey Donovan, David Purinton, Grace Carlson, Nina Whaley.

CONVENTION HERE IN 1918

State Convention of Commercial Clubs to Be Held at Omaha Next Week Instead of Here

THE CHANGE WAS NECESSARY

Convention Dates and Conservation Meeting Called by Governor at Omaha Are the Same

The annual state convention of Associated Commercial Clubs of Nebraska which was to have been held in Alliance on May 24 and 25 will be held in Omaha on those days.

Charles W. Jeffers of Alliance was secretary of this session of the grand lodge, district No. 7.

John W. Steinhart, president of the Nebraska State Association of Commercial Clubs, in a letter to Secretary Bushnell, says in part: "We will start our meetings Thursday morning—adjourn for the afternoon and evening greater meeting and then again on Friday hold our full day's meeting, taking such action and adopting such measures as deemed necessary in order to do our part in carrying on the work decided upon at the conservation meeting."

The following have been appointed to represent the Alliance Commercial Club and the city of Alliance at the convention of Nebraska Commercial Clubs and the conservation meeting called by the governor: H. M. Bushnell, Jr.; C. A. Newberry, Robert Graham, Fred Seidell, and Lloyd C. Thomas.

BABY GIRL DIES FOLLOWING ILLNESS

Mary Jane, the six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, died Tuesday afternoon about 5 o'clock, following a three weeks' illness. Funeral services were held at the home this morning at 10 o'clock.

C. A. Jones left for Chicago Saturday.

STATE DECLAMATORY CONTEST TONIGHT

Contestants Failed to Arrive Yesterday—Postponed Until Thursday Evening

The state declamatory contest which was to have been held in Alliance last evening will be held tonight (Thursday) instead, owing to the fact that the contestants could not get here.

BURLINGTON GRANTS TEN PER CENT RAISE

All Employees of System Receiving under \$250 Monthly, Excepting Recently Raised, Benefitted

Burlington employees, of whom there are several hundred at Alliance, were much gratified to learn this morning that they had been granted a voluntary raise of ten per cent on their wages by the railroad.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY MADE GREAT HIT

"The Commuters" presented at the Imperial Thursday evening, May 10, by the senior class of the Alliance high school, was a success from every standpoint.

Thomas Kelly arrived Saturday morning for a two weeks' visit with Norman McCorkle.

COMMENCEMENT IS AT HAND

Senior Class of High School Graduates Friday Night—Eighth Grade Exercises Thursday Afternoon

ALUMNI BANQUET SATURDAY

Recognition Day for Seniors Monday—Semester Examinations to Be Held Coming Week

The close of the Alliance public schools for the school year is near at hand.

The Baccalaureate exercises for the Senior class will be held Sunday evening, May 20, at the Phelan opera house.

Recognition day will be held Monday morning in the assembly room at the high school.

Tuesday evening the class day program will be given in the high school assembly room.

Tuesday and Wednesday the seventh and eighth grade examinations will be held.

Eighth Grade Exercises The eighth grade graduation exercises will be held at the Phelan opera house Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Senior Graduation Friday The Senior graduation will be held Friday evening, May 25, starting at 8:15, at the Phelan opera house.

Vocal quartet; invocation—Rev. Black; piano solo—Miss Bowman; address—Dean Charles Fordyce of the University of Nebraska; presentation of diplomas; vocal solo—Miss Burnett; benediction—Dean Shaw.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR NEW HIGHWAYS

Good Roads Boosters of Panhandle Met in Crawford Wednesday and Decided on Connecting Points

Good-roads boosters, representing Box Butte, Dawes and Sioux counties met in Crawford Wednesday and definitely decided on the plans for the new federal aid highways which are to be constructed in this part of Nebraska, beginning this summer.

The Northwestern highway, through Dawes and Sioux counties, will connect near the railroad west of Crawford; the Burlington highway, running through Box Butte and Dawes counties, will connect near the railroad west of Marsland; the Black Hills highway, through Box Butte and Dawes counties, will connect north of Alliance near Dunlap.

Present at the meeting were Wm. Fosket, S. A. Grimes, W. L. Clark, C. H. Burleigh, K. L. Pierce and Charles Shindler of Hemingford; John Blundell, Carl Hyde, H. B. Coffey, Ray Tierney and J. F. Lawrence of Chadron; Sam Swinbank, Geo. E. Gordon, C. E. Leithoff, J. W. Burleigh and C. A. Minnick of Crawford; Cyrus O. Werts, Robert Harrison and G. B. Will of Sioux county; S. W. Thompson, H. M. Bushnell, Jr., George Darling, C. M. Looney and Lloyd Thomas of Alliance.

Cyrus O. Wertz of Harrison was appointed road chairman for Sioux county by President Bushnell.

The following resolution was adopted by the meeting and copies ordered sent to the commissioners of the counties and published in the newspapers:

Resolution

Whereas, the roads of the panhandle of Nebraska, on which the counties have expended money to properly grade, are this spring in bad condition, largely because sufficient attention has not been paid to their drainage and upkeep; be it Resolved, that this meeting, representing the counties in said district, earnestly recommend to the commissioners and road representatives that they plan to properly drain such roads so that mudholes will not be found; and be it Resolved, that we recommend to said county boards that graded roads which are now in such condition be dragged at the earliest possible opportunity, and that a conference plan of road dragging be evolved in each county for future guidance.

We believe that land values are affected by good roads, and we congratulate the state upon the splendid new road law, whereby the management of roads can be centralized in a county superintendent of roads. We recommend that the provision of this law be taken advantage of. We believe that federal aid in building state and county roads will be of mutual benefit.

K. L. PIERCE, LLOYD THOMAS, Committee.

Box Butte county commissioners are being severely criticized for their apparent failure to give any attention to graded roads in the county. Many miles of graded roads are almost impassible through lack of attention and vehicles find it necessary to travel along the fences rather than on the graded road.

T. P. A'S TO ORGANIZE TRAINING COMPANY

Meeting Called for Saturday—Men of All Ages Accepted, Particularly Those Over 30 Years

Post M. T. P. A., is planning to organize a Volunteer Citizens Training Company, the purpose of which is obvious. They expect to enlist in this unofficial organization all the T. P. A's of whatever age, but especially those above the age of conscription, or in other words, those over 30 years of age.

Roy C. Strong, secretary of the local post, has notified all members of Post M. by letter, stating the intentions of the organization and asking their presence at the organization meeting to be held at the city hall Saturday evening of this week, at 8 o'clock.

ALLIANCE AT THE BOTTOM

Seven Recruits Accepted Here First Ten Days of Month—Total for the District Was 1167

WILL HOLD PATRIOTIC PARADE

Postmaster Graham Also Recruiting Officer—Will Give Recruit the \$5 He Will Receive

According to an announcement made by Captain James F. McKinley, recruiting officer in charge of the recruiting stations in the Omaha district comprising all of Nebraska and the western half of Iowa, out of a total of 1167 enlistments accepted in the district during the first ten days of the present month, Alliance supplied a total of seven.

Officials take note of the fact that Alliance raised a company of the national guard which in a short time will be on duty the same as a company of the regular army and also that over a hundred recruits have been received from the Alliance station since the first of the year, yet nevertheless, officials feel that Alliance is not doing her best.

Alliance at Disadvantage

Alliance is at a disadvantage owing to the fact that this station has not the territory to draw from that the other stations have. It is probable that more recruits could be secured if recruiting officers visited many of the other western Nebraska towns.

Postmaster Robert Graham states that to every recruit that applies to him for enlistment, and who is accepted, he will give the \$5 he receives for enlisting him.

Captain Writes Mayor

Captain McKinley wrote to Mayor W. E. Rousey this week suggesting that the services of the local band or a life and drum corps be secured to aid in the recruiting work in Alliance.

Dear Sir: The immediate duty imposed upon all patriotic citizens is to assist in the recruiting of the army to the full war strength.

The quota for the Omaha recruiting district, which comprises all of Nebraska and western half of Iowa, with a population of 2,405,000, is 4819.

The army is a democratic institution depending upon a volunteer system and those men volunteering for the army should be volunteering for the nation just as other contingents later will be raised on the principle of universal military service; that is, men will be selected in each county in proportion to its population.

Will you not take it upon yourself to personally see that Alliance makes the proper response to this patriotic call for young men to enlist. Men should prepare themselves now to help train the great army to be raised for the prosecution of the war.

I am going to ask the newspapers in the large cities throughout Iowa and Nebraska to publish each ten

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